

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1213 without my signature.

This bill is identical to legislation I vetoed last year. While I understand and support the desire of the bill's proponents to improve the economic clout of port owner-operator drivers, the provisions of this bill likely violate federal antitrust law and will result in many unintended consequences.

Specifically, the provisions of this bill offer a legally doubtful attempt at an antitrust exemption, expanding state regulation in a manner never tried before. This will undoubtedly set off legal battles that will take years to resolve. The litigation that will result from this bill is counter-productive to the cooperative work necessary to capture the economic potential afforded by the growth of California's ports.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger